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Filing Date	December 8, 2000
First Named Inventor	Frank Ficker
Art Unit	3765
Examiner Name	Amy B. Vanatta
Attorney Docket Number	S&S-99/1074a

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Madam:

With this Request for Continued Examination, please enter the Amendment previously filed on February 5, 2004. Concerning the Advisory Action dated February 19, 2004, the Examiner is requested to note the following:

Concerning the issue raised in the Advisory Action, it should be noted that changing the word "stretching" and its derivatives to "drafting" and its derivatives does not present new matter. It is clear to one of ordinary skill in the textile art from reading the specification that the term "stretching" means the same thing as "drafting"—that is the process of attenuating or increasing the length per unit weight of naps, slivers, slubbings, rovings, or other fiber structures that are made of staple fibers. As stated before, the originally filed application was in German, which used the word "Verstrecken." *Verstrecken* to German speaking people in the textile art translates to "drawing." The word "stretching" and its derivatives were the choice of the translator. He could have just as easily chosen "drawing" or "drafting" instead and not changed the meaning or description within the specification. Therefore, Applicants respectfully

submit no new matter is injected into the application by way of the use of the word
"drafting" and its derivatives.

Respectfully submitted,
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